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June 18, 2013

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
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Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPTED**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

17 June 18, 2013

*Sachi A. Hamai*  
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**ACCEPT FIFTEEN YEAR GRANT FUNDS UNDER THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK  
GRANT PROGRAM – FISCAL YEAR 2013-14**

**ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED  
(3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

This Board Letter requests authority for the District Attorney and Public Defender to accept grant funds under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program for fiscal year 2013-14.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:**

1. Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the District Attorney and Public Defender to accept grant funds, on behalf of the County, allocated by the Board of State and Community Corrections under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant, in the amount of \$655,234, of which \$327,617 will be allocated to the District Attorney and \$327,617 to the Public Defender. A ten percent match of the direct allocation or \$72,804 is required.
2. Authorize the District Attorney and Public Defender, or their respective designees, to serve as Project Director for their respective programs and to execute, on behalf of the County, the grant award agreement and any required extensions, revisions, or amendments.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The purpose of the program is to promote greater accountability of juveniles in the juvenile justice system and to hold juvenile offenders accountable for their criminal activities. The Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) supports this ongoing effort by coordinating Juvenile

Accountability Block Grant (JABG) grant funds for State and local government agencies. This is the fifteenth year of the JABG program. The current grant will fund programs from July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014. A Board approved Resolution authorizing acceptance of the grant funds is required by the BSCC in order for the funds to be released to the County.

In accordance with the granting agency requirements, on May 23, 2013, the Chief Executive Office (CEO) convened a meeting of the JABG Advisory Board, comprised of representatives from various agencies, to consider and recommend allocation of the \$655,234 JABG funds allocated to the County. The JABG Advisory Board voted to recommend allocation of \$327,617, or 50 percent of the funds, to the District Attorney Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) program and \$327,617, or 50 percent, to the Public Defender Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) project.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These JABG programs are consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 1, Operational Effectiveness, to maximize the effectiveness of the County's processes, structure, and operations to support timely delivery of customer-oriented and efficient public services; and Goal No. 3, Integrated Services Delivery, to maximize opportunities to measurably improve client and community outcomes and leverage resources through the continuous integration of health, community, and public safety services.

### **Strategic Asset Management Principles Compliance**

Not applicable.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

Los Angeles County's FY 2013-14 JABG allocation is \$655,234 or 90 percent of the total project cost of \$728,038. The JABG grant guidelines require a ten percent match of the direct allocation, or \$72,804. An allocation of \$327,617 will be included in the District Attorney and Public Defender's FY 2013-14 budgets, respectively. The departments will use existing resources to absorb the required match.

Should funding for these programs be terminated, an evaluation will be conducted to determine if the programs would be discontinued with the reallocation of staff to vacant budgeted positions.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The JABG program remains under Title II of the Federal Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act. The BSCC recently published the FY 2013-14 JABG funding award amounts designated by Congress. The amount allocated for eligible counties in California is \$2,388,750. Of the state award, \$655,234 is allocated to Los Angeles County.

The JABG Advisory Board membership consists of the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, and representatives from the following agencies: City of Monterey Park Police Department, Sheriff's Department, District Attorney's Office, Probation Department, Public Defender's Office, Department of Children and Family Services, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Children's Advocacy

Center, and the Los Angeles Boys and Girls Club.

**ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

Not applicable.

**CONTRACTING PROCESS**

Not applicable.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

The District Attorney's JOIN program and the Public Defender's CARE project will receive \$327,617 respectively. Unfunded program components will be absorbed by each department or reduced as necessary. The funding allocation was recommended by the JABG Advisory Board and has been reviewed and cleared by the affected County departments regarding service level impact.

**CONCLUSION**

Upon approval by the Board of Supervisors, it is requested that the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board return three (3) original signature copies of the adopted Resolution to this office.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. T. Fujioka", with a stylized flourish at the end.

WILLIAM T FUJIOKA

Chief Executive Officer

WTF:GAM:SW

PVR:cc

Enclosures

- c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
- County Counsel
- District Attorney
- Sheriff
- Children and Family Services
- Office of Education
- Probation
- Public Defender

## COUNTY JABG FUNDS

The District Attorney and Public Defender are the County agencies participating in JABG for FY 2013-14. Each of the participating County agencies will use the grant funds for the following programs:

District Attorney

\$327,617

- The Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) is a voluntary program that targets first-time serious offenders ages 10-17, for diversion from the juvenile justice system into a one-year program that offers immediate intervention and accountability without formal prosecution. Under the supervision of a Hearing Officer, JOIN youth and their parents can avoid the juvenile justice system by promptly taking responsibility for their actions, making restitution and apologizing to their victim(s), performing community service, attending school regularly, and participating in counseling and parenting programs. JOIN cases are resolved without a court appearance at approximately 13 percent of the cost of court processing. JOIN's success rate exceeds 84.1 percent, making it one of the most effective juvenile diversion programs in California. JOIN has received numerous awards, including the Quality and Productivity Commission's GOLDEN Eagle Award in October 2005 and the LA County Stars Organizational Effectiveness Award in January 2007, which recognized the program as an outstanding service delivery system that is efficient, effective and goal-oriented.

Public Defender

\$327,617

- The Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) project strategically integrates psychiatric social workers and resource attorneys into defense teams at the 10 Juvenile Courts to assess, identify, and make disposition recommendations to the Juvenile Court to address children's mental health, developmental disabilities, serious learning disabilities, co-occurring disorders and substance abuse needs. CARE services include conducting psycho-social assessments, identifying services and programs to meet the child's needs, assisting in initiating early intervention of needed services, providing client and family support during the court process, and developing recommendations for effective disposition plans. CARE serves approximately 1,300 juvenile clients annually. In a recent case review, 80% of CARE youth had no new criminal charges filed in either the juvenile or adult court within one year of the youth's disposition in juvenile court. Courts rely on the critical information provided by CARE and for the past eleven years on average have adopted 83% of the CARE disposition recommendations. In March, 2008, CARE received the California Council on Mentally Ill Offenders "Best Practices" award for its approach in effectively serving the needs of the mentally ill offender. In November, 2008 CARE was recognized by the Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention State Advisory Group for its dedication and significant contributions to the juvenile justice field.

**Total JABG Funds****\$655,234**

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the County of Los Angeles desires to undertake the Juvenile Offender Intervention Network (JOIN) and the Client Assessment Recommendation Evaluation (CARE) projects to be funded in part from funds made available through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Program administered by the Board of State Community Corrections (BSCC) (hereafter referred to as BSCC).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles authorizes the District Attorney and Public Defender or their designees, to submit the two proposals to the BSCC. Said individuals are authorized to sign and approve the Grant Award Agreement including any extensions or amendments thereof on behalf of the Board of Supervisors and to serve as Project Directors and perform all necessary tasks to complete the projects.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant agrees to provide all matching funds required for said projects (including any amendment thereof) under the Program and the funding terms and conditions of the BSCC and that the match will be appropriated as required.

IT IS AGREED that any liability arising out of the performance of this Grant Award Agreement, including civil court actions for damages, shall be the responsibility of the grant recipient and the authorizing agency. The State of California and the BSCC disclaim responsibility for any such liability.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this body.

1 The foregoing resolution was on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2013,  
2 passed, approved, and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of  
3 Los Angeles and ex officio the governing body of all other special assessment  
4 and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.

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6 Ayes: Supervisors Molina, Varoslauskys, Knabe and Ridley-Thomas

7 Noes: None

8 Absent: Supervisor Antonovich  
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SACHI A. HAMAI, Executive Officer-Clerk  
of the Board of Supervisors of the  
County of Los Angeles

By

Lachelle Smitherman  
Deputy

17 APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
18 JOHN F. KRATTLI  
19 COUNTY COUNSEL

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